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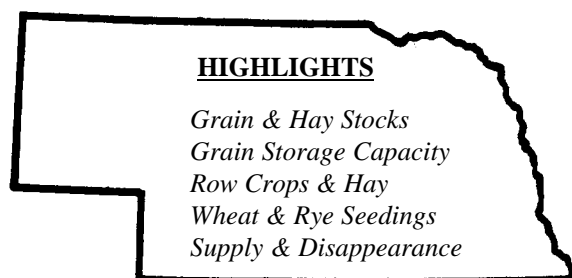
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STOCKS OF GRAIN AND HAY

Corn stored in all positions on December 1, 1998, in Nebraska totaled 1,074.5 million bushels, 9% above December 1, 1997 holdings. Wheat holdings totaled 74.7 million bushels, 50% above December 1, 1997. Soybean stocks totaled 118.1 million bushels, 8% above December 1, 1997. Sorghum stocks at 55.8 million bushels were down 1% from a year ago. Hay stocks on Nebraska farms were 14% above a year earlier and accounted for 5% of the U.S. total.

STOCKS OF GRAIN & HAY

Grain and Position	NEBRASKA				UNITED STATES			
	Dec. 1, 1996	Dec. 1, 1997	Dec. 1, 1998	1998/1997	Dec. 1, 1996	Dec. 1, 1997	Dec. 1, 1998	1998/1997
	Thousand bushels				Thousand bushels			
	Pct.				Pct.			
Corn								
On Farms	710,000	660,000	740,000	112	4,800,000	4,822,000	5,320,000	110
Off Farms 1/	295,352	328,135	334,466	102	2,102,974	2,424,756	2,730,200	113
Total	1,005,352	988,135	1,074,466	109	6,902,974	7,246,756	8,050,220	111
All Wheat								
On Farms	9,000	13,500	22,500	167	584,150	604,000	680,200	113
Off Farms 1/	29,255	36,480	52,225	143	634,660	1,015,242	1,211,746	119
Total	38,255	49,980	74,725	150	1,218,810	1,619,242	1,891,946	117
Soybeans								
On Farms	40,000	43,000	54,000	126	935,100	1,048,000	1,187,000	113
Off Farms 1/	57,287	66,025	64,130	97	889,984	951,417	999,756	105
Total	97,287	109,025	118,130	108	1,825,084	1,999,417	2,186,756	109
Sorghum								
On Farms	34,000	21,000	18,000	86	144,590	99,625	95,900	96
Off Farms 1/	52,756	35,135	37,805	108	322,767	274,244	237,831	87
Total	86,756	56,135	55,805	99	467,357	373,869	333,731	89
Oats								
On Farms	3,100	2,400	2,600	108	80,650	83,200	81,500	98
Off Farms 1/	*	*	*	---	45,218	61,051	61,841	101
Total	*	*	*	---	125,868	144,251	143,341	99
All Hay								
On Farms	5,063	4,549	5,170	114	105,179	103,044	111,839	109

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. * Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

GRAIN STORAGE CAPACITY

There were 524 commercially licensed off-farm grain storage facilities in Nebraska as of December 1, 1998. Storage capacity for these facilities totaled 628.6 million bushels virtually unchanged from a year ago.

On-farm storage capacity in Nebraska is estimated at 1.05 billion bushels, unchanged from last year.

In the United States, off-farm grain storage facilities totaled 10,287 on December 1, 1998, 318 fewer than on December 1, 1997. Capacity of off-farm commercial grain storage totaled 8.01 billion bushels in the U.S., up less than 1% from December 1, 1997. Twenty-two States and New England showed decreases from last year, 14 States recorded increases in capacity and three were unchanged.

The U.S. on-farm grain storage capacity totaled 11.1 billion bushels on December 1, 1998, up slightly from December 1, 1997.

NUMBER AND CAPACITY OF OFF-FARM GRAIN STORAGE FACILITIES, SELECTED STATES, DECEMBER 1, 1997-1998

State	Facilities		Storage Capacity	
	1997	1998	1997	1998
	Number		1,000 bushels	
NEBR.	533	524	628,690	628,610
Iowa	582	552	983,060	1,025,700
Ill.	1,033	1,013	1,069,260	1,081,720
Ind.	443	430	356,050	342,400
Kans.	875	876	742,220	783,650
Minn.	692	676	482,890	479,460
Mo.	495	482	229,520	277,600
S. Dak.	290	290	135,000	135,000
Texas	620	550	614,860	578,060
U.S.	10,605	10,287	7,961,340	8,005,580

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ROW CROPS AND HAY ANNUAL SUMMARY

Nebraska producers harvested a record 36.4 million tons of feed grains in 1998, up 8% from last year. Feed grain tonnage was higher for corn, which more than offset lower totals for sorghum, oats and barley. Nebraska's 1998 corn for grain crop totaled 1.24 billion bushels, up 9% from last year's revised production (1.14 billion) and 5% above the revised 1996 level (1.18 billion). Sorghum for grain totaled 56.4 million bushels, 7% below 1997 and 42% below 1996. Soybean production totaled a record high 165 million bushels, 15% above 1997 and 22% above 1996. Hay production totaled 7.7 million tons, up 13% from last year. Dry edible bean production totaled 3.7 million cwt. down slightly from last year. Sugar beet production totaled 934,000 tons, down 8% from last year. All potato production of 9.8 million cwt. was 4% above last year. Sunflower seed production totaled 81 million pounds per acre, 38% above last year.

U.S. corn for grain production for 1998 was estimated at 9.76 billion bushels, up 6% from 1997, but down 1% from the November 1 forecast. Sorghum for grain production was estimated at 520 million bushels, down 18% from 1997 production. Soybean production totaled 2.76 billion bushels, down slightly from November 1 but up 3% from 1997. Soybean yield per acre averaged 38.9 bushels for 1998, 0.3 bushel above the November 1 forecast. All hay production was estimated at 151 million tons, down slightly from October 1 and 1% below 1997. Production of dry edible beans is estimated at 30.8 million cwt. for 1998, 5% above 1997 and 9% above two years ago. Sugar beet production was estimated at 32.7 million tons, 9% above 1997 and 1% above the November 1 forecast. Total 1998 potato production was estimated at 478 million cwt., up 2% from 1997. Sunflower production in 1998 totaled 5.25 billion pounds, up 43% from 1997.

1998 ESTIMATES AND COMPARATIVE DATA -- NEBRASKA AND THE UNITED STATES

Classification	NEBRASKA				UNITED STATES			
	1996	1997	1998	1998 % of 1997	1996	1997	1998	1998 % of 1997
Corn for Grain:								
Harvested 1,000 Acres	8,250	8,600	8,550	99	72,644	72,671	72,604	100
Yield Bushels	143.0	132.0	*145.0	110	127.1	126.7	134.4	106
Production 1,000 Bushels	1,179,750	1,135,200	*1,239,750	109	9,232,557	9,206,832	9,761,085	106
Corn for Grain, Irrigated:								
Harvested 1,000 Acres	*5,550	5,525	5,350	97	---	---	---	---
Yield Bushels	156.6	150.9	*160.6	106	---	---	---	---
Production 1,000 Bushels	*869,250	833,850	858,950	103	---	---	---	---
Corn for Grain, Non-Irrigated:								
Harvested 1,000 Acres	2,700	3,075	3,200	104	---	---	---	---
Yield Bushels	115.0	98.0	*119.0	121	---	---	---	---
Production 1,000 Bushels	310,500	301,350	*380,800	126	---	---	---	---
Corn for Silage:								
Harvested 1,000 Acres	175	225	190	84	5,607	6,054	5,919	98
Yield Tons	16.5	15.5	17.0	110	15.4	16.1	16.0	99
Production 1,000 Tons	2,888	3,488	3,230	93	86,581	97,192	94,525	97
Sorghum for Grain:								
Harvested 1,000 Acres	1,030	750	600	80	11,811	9,158	7,723	84
Yield Bushels	95.0	81.0	94.0	116	67.3	69.2	67.3	97
Production 1,000 Bushels	97,850	60,750	56,400	93	795,274	633,545	519,933	82
Sorghum for Silage:								
Harvested 1,000 Acres	60	40	30	75	423	412	305	74
Yield Tons	13.5	10.5	11.0	105	11.8	13.1	11.4	87
Production 1,000 Tons	810	420	330	79	4,976	5,385	3,487	65
Soybeans for Beans:								
Harvested 1,000 Acres	3,010	3,550	*3,750	106	63,349	69,110	70,811	102
Yield Bushels	45.0	40.5	44.0	109	37.6	38.9	38.9	100
Production 1,000 Bushels	135,450	143,775	*165,000	115	2,380,274	2,688,750	2,756,794	103
All Hay:								
Harvested 1,000 Acres	3,150	3,200	3,200	100	61,169	61,084	60,016	98
Yield Tons	2.37	2.12	2.40	113	2.45	2.50	2.52	101
Production 1,000 Tons	7,455	6,790	7,680	113	149,779	152,536	151,338	99
Alfalfa Hay:								
Harvested 1,000 Acres	1,400	1,300	1,400	108	24,206	23,551	23,642	100
Yield Tons	3.70	3.25	3.75	115	3.27	3.33	3.47	104
Production 1,000 Tons	5,180	4,225	5,250	124	79,139	78,535	82,010	104
All Other Hay 1/:								
Harvested 1,000 Acres	1,750	1,900	1,800	95	36,963	37,533	36,374	97
Yield Tons	1.30	1.35	1.35	100	1.91	1.97	1.91	97
Production 1,000 Tons	2,275	2,565	2,430	95	70,640	74,001	69,328	94
Wild Hay:								
Harvested 1,000 Acres	1,475	1,500	1,500	100	---	---	---	---
Yield Tons	1.16	1.11	1.16	105	---	---	---	---
Production 1,000 Tons	1,710	1,665	1,740	105	---	---	---	---
Potatoes, All:								
Harvested 1,000 Acres	17.9	24.0	*26.2	109	1,425.9	1,353.6	1,394.4	103
Yield Cwt.	329	*390	373	96	350	345	343	99
Production 1,000 Cwt.	5,887	9,360	*9,781	104	499,254	467,091	477,754	102
Beans, Dry Edible:								
Harvested 1,000 Acres	195.0	180.0	188.0	104	1,750.7	1,758.8	1,913.9	109
Yield Pounds	1,900	2,060	1,950	95	1,594	1,670	1,611	96
Production 1,000 Cwt.	3,705	3,708	3,666	99	27,912	29,370	30,828	105
Sugar Beets:								
Harvested 1,000 Acres	51.2	60.3	47.4	79	1,323.3	1,428.3	1,451.6	102
Yield Tons	17.8	16.8	19.7	117	20.2	20.9	22.5	108
Production 1,000 Tons	913	1,013	934	92	26,680	29,886	32,660	109
Sunflower 2/:								
Harvested 1,000 Acres	44	53	68	128	2,479	2,792	3,476	124
Yield Lbs.	1,100	1,112	1,191	107	1,436	1,317	1,509	115
Production 1,000 Lbs.	48,400	58,920	81,020	138	3,559,343	3,676,952	5,246,701	143

1/ Includes wild hay. 2/ U.S. estimates include all states except Alaska and Hawaii. * Record.

NEBRASKA -- ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION BY DISTRICT, 1997-1998 1/

District	CORN FOR GRAIN							
	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield per Harv. Acre		Production	
	1997 2/	1998	1997 2/	1998	1997	1998	1997 2/	1998
	1,000 acres				Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	320.0	355.0	300.0	315.0	137.4	131.0	41,220.0	41,265.0
North	420.0	410.0	395.0	385.0	132.6	148.0	52,377.0	56,980.0
Northeast	1,580.0	1,555.0	1,510.0	1,490.0	116.6	139.0	176,066.0	207,110.0
Central	1,225.0	1,210.0	1,180.0	1,170.0	134.9	152.0	159,182.0	177,840.0
East	2,265.0	2,175.0	2,210.0	2,140.0	134.5	147.5	297,343.0	315,590.0
Southwest	905.0	935.0	875.0	910.0	134.1	146.0	117,338.0	132,860.0
South	1,065.0	1,010.0	1,040.0	995.0	141.9	152.0	147,576.0	151,240.0
Southeast	1,120.0	1,170.0	1,090.0	1,145.0	132.2	137.0	144,098.0	156,865.0
NEBRASKA	8,900.0	8,800.0	8,600.0	8,550.0	132.0	145.0	1,135,200.0	1,239,750.0

District	SOYBEANS FOR BEANS							
	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield per Harv. Acre		Production	
	1997 2/	1998	1997 2/	1998	1997	1998	1997 2/	1998
	1,000 acres				Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	---	3/	---	3/	---	3/	---	3/
North	120.0	130.0	115.0	125.0	47.6	48.0	5,474.0	6,000.0
Northeast	1,050.0	1,080.0	1,040.0	1,065.0	36.8	43.0	38,272.0	45,795.0
Central	160.0	195.0	155.0	190.0	42.5	48.0	6,588.0	9,120.0
East	1,230.0	1,265.0	1,220.0	1,260.0	42.4	44.9	51,777.0	56,550.0
Southwest	30.0	40.0	25.0	35.0	46.4	50.0	1,160.0	1,750.0
South	150.0	195.0	145.0	190.0	47.2	50.0	6,844.0	9,500.0
Southeast	860.0	895.0	850.0	885.0	39.6	41.0	33,660.0	36,285.0
NEBRASKA	3,600.0	3,800.0	3,550.0	3,750.0	40.5	44.0	143,775.0	165,000.0

District	SORGHUM FOR GRAIN							
	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield per Harv. Acre		Production	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997 2/	1998	1997 2/	1998
	1,000 acres				Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	9.0	6.0	2.5	2.0	42.2	40.0	105.5	80.0
North	11.0	8.0	4.5	3.0	42.6	78.0	191.7	234.0
Northeast	14.0	7.0	1.9	3.0	70.6	80.0	134.1	240.0
Central	31.0	20.0	10.3	7.0	60.2	80.0	620.1	560.0
East	157.0	90.0	137.0	84.0	85.1	98.0	11,658.7	8,232.0
Southwest	66.0	74.0	42.1	40.0	67.4	78.0	2,837.5	3,120.0
South	128.0	98.0	113.9	88.0	73.9	98.0	8,417.2	8,624.0
Southeast	484.0	397.0	437.8	373.0	84.0	94.7	36,785.2	35,310.0
NEBRASKA	900.0	700.0	750.0	600.0	81.0	94.0	60,750.0	56,400.0

1/ Preliminary estimates 1998. 2/ Revised. 3/ Included in Southwest totals. NOTE: Planted acres are for all purposes.

WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS

Nebraska's winter wheat seedings for the 1999 crop totaled 2.0 million acres, up 100,000 acres from last year which was the lowest of record dating back to 1909. Increased plantings were noted in central and southern regions, accounting for much of the additional acreage. Seeding of the crop began near the first of September and proceeded ahead of normal for much of the planting season. Dry soils during September slowed emergence and caused stands to be uneven in a number of countries. However, October rains two to three times above normal over the Panhandle boosted crop conditions. The crop condition rating at the end of December showed 77% of the crop in good or excellent condition, above 71% last year.

In the United States, winter wheat seeded area for the 1999 crop is expected to total 43.4 million acres, down 7% from 1998. This is the smallest area since 1972. Class breakdowns approximate: Hard Red Winter, 30.9 million; Soft Red Winter, 9.0 million; White Winter, 3.5 million.

**WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS,
SELECTED STATES & U.S. 1997-1999**

State	Area Seeded All Purposes			
	Crop of			1999 1998
	1997	1998	1999	
	1,000 acres			Pct.
Colorado	3,000	2,750	2,600	95
Idaho	910	820	760	93
Illinois	1,150	1,250	1,050	84
Indiana	910	820	760	93
Kansas	11,400	10,700	10,000	93
Missouri	1,150	1,350	1,020	76
Montana	1,600	1,400	1,050	75
NEBRASKA	2,000	1,900	2,000	105
Ohio	1,180	1,200	1,050	88
Oklahoma	6,700	6,600	6,400	97
Oregon	830	810	710	88
So. Dakota	1,650	1,500	1,300	87
Texas	6,300	6,100	6,200	102
Washington	2,250	2,200	1,900	86
United States	47,985	46,449	43,354	93

U.S. GRAINS SUPPLY AND DISAPPEARANCE OUTLOOK

CROP YEAR	S U P P L Y				MARKET YEAR DISAPPEARANCE <u>1</u> /*				Market Year Ending Stocks*	Average Market Price
	Pro- duction	Begin- ning stocks	Im- ports	Total	Domestic		Ex- ports	Total		
					Primary Use 2/	Other				

Million bushels

\$/bu.

CORN:

1996/97	9,233	426	13	9,672	5,302	1,692	1,795	8,789	883	2.71
1997/98	9,207	883	9	10,099	5,505	1,782	1,504	8,791	1,308	2.43
1998/99	9,761	1,308	10	11,079	5,700	1,870	1,700	9,270	1,809	1.85-2.10

SOYBEANS:

1996/97	2,380	183	9	2,573	1,436	123	882	2,441	132	7.35
1997/98	2,689	132	5	2,826	1,597	158	870	2,626	200	6.47
1998/99	2,757	200	6	2,963	1,595	148	830	2,573	390	5.10-5.60

WHEAT:

1996/97	2,277	376	92	2,746	891	410	1,001	2,302	444	4.30
1997/98	2,481	444	95	3,020	917	341	1,040	2,297	722	3.38
1998/99	2,550	722	90	3,363	925	438	1,100	2,463	900	2.65-2.75

SORGHUM:

1996/97	795	18	---	814	516	45	205	766	47	2.34
1997/98	634	47	---	681	365	55	212	632	49	2.21
1998/99	520	49	---	569	275	45	195	515	54	1.60-1.90

* Projections for 1997 and 1998 crops are USDA's World Outlook Board expectations of supply and disappearance as of January 12, 1999. Totals may not add due to rounding.

1/ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1.

2/ Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food.

RYE SEEDINGS

Nebraska rye seedings for the 1999 crop is estimated at 45,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from last year and the 1997 crop.

Rye seedings for 1999 in the United States are placed at 1.59 million acres, up 1% from 1998. The majority of states expect plantings to be equal to, or above last year.

NEBRASKA'S GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS BY PROGRAM

In 1997, Nebraska farmers collected \$454.6 million in government payments. This was 17% more than the \$388.7 million in 1996 but 10% less than the \$507.3 million in 1995. Here's a breakout for the distribution of the \$454.6 million by program:

Program	1,000 Dollars
Feed Grain	(82,023)
Wheat	(282)
Conservation	69,287
Wool Act	0
Miscellaneous	467,616
Total	454,598